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Sir:

Applicant requests consideration of the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. The references listed on the Form PTO-1449 were previously cited in application serial no. 09/143,723 to which the captioned application is seeking priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120; therefore, a copy of each reference is not enclosed.

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